



# Department of Defense Military Severely Injured Center

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## Secretary of Defense's Charge

December 20, 2004:

*"I think we ought to put together a team to see that the Services take care of their troops after they're wounded, and when they return home and are discharged."*

### Final Direction:

OSD Personnel & Readiness should augment the Service support programs to ensure seamless care as long as it takes



# *Military Severely Injured Center*

Grand Opening February 1, 2005

*A Service of Military OneSource*



- Financial Support
- Education and Employment Assistance
- Information on VA Benefits
- Specific Service issues
- Family Counseling
- Resources in Local Communities
- Child Care Support



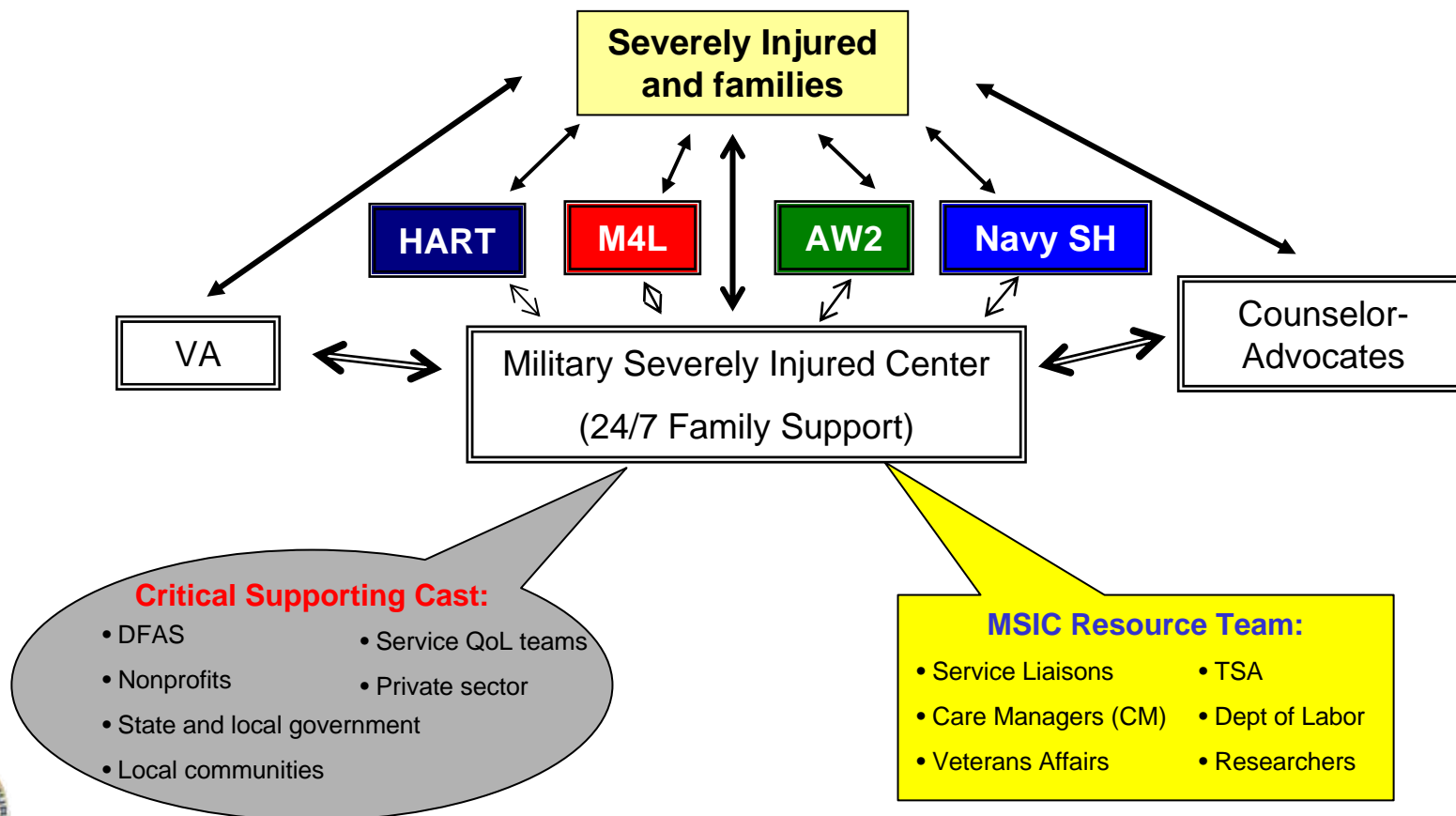
*Focus is on OIF/OEF severely injured*





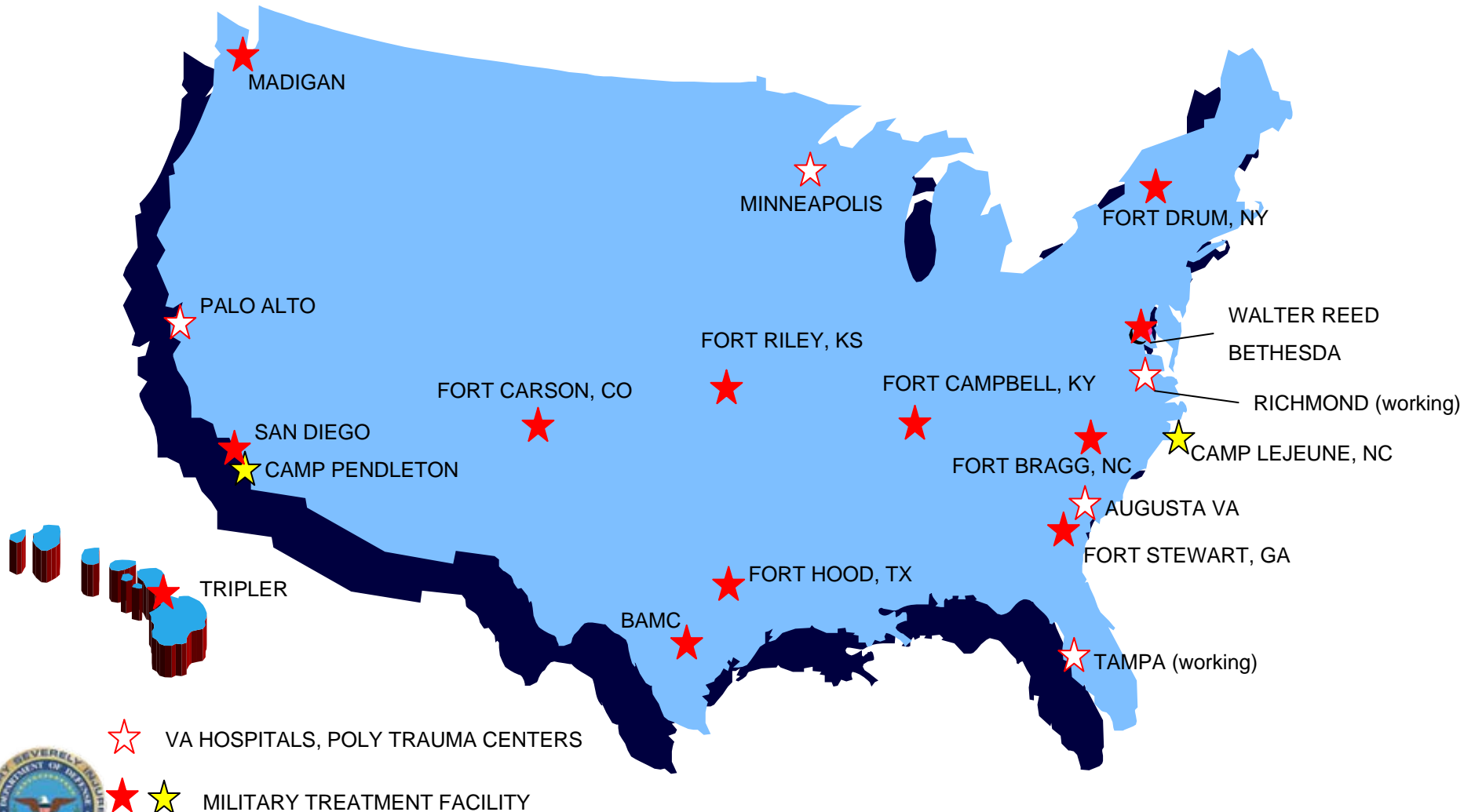
# Goal:

Seamless support as long as it may take to ensure that injured Service members and families achieve the highest level of functioning and quality of life.





# Counselor-Avocate Locations





## *Heroes to Hometowns*

- Goal: Successful community reintegration
  - Rally Community Support
- "Local Champion"
- American Legion MOU
- Long-term support, community education
- Prototypes:
  - Sentinels of Freedom
  - Escambia County, FL
  - Elverson, PA



# *Military Severely Injured Center*

1-888-774-1361  
*Call Anytime!*



**Bottom line:** The Center's role is to expedite processes, help families and alleviate complicated road blocks for the severely injured.

The Center cannot fix all processes and problems but  
can be advocates for the severely injured.

